

DEMETER NEWS

• FOCUSING ON OUR COMMUNITY & THE UW-MADISON COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL & LIFE SCIENCES •

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we recover from a difficult year caused by the covid-19 pandemic, we are fortunate that our members largely remained safe. Zoom meetings have allowed the board to keep functioning remotely and for us to host interesting webinars on cheese making and the new Meat and Animal Sciences facility.



Sally Leong
Demeter President

I am looking forward to resuming in-person activities this fall including our signature event the annual Corn Roast in the recently renovated Lakeview Shelter! Alice in Dairyland and Dean VandenBosch will be there and I hope to see all of you too!

Looking forward we need to determine how our organization will sustain itself for another 100 years with an aging membership, and how we can excite younger people to join Demeter. We need to look at ways to attract faculty and staff with and without families. This is different from asking people to join us as a mature organization of mostly retired persons.

Are there new student support ideas that can be targeted to young faculty?

Demeter creates both fun and educational events that promote fellowship. Yes, we work hard to raise and distribute funding for students in CALS, to sew head coverings for women undergoing cancer therapy, and to host amazing events like the fall Corn Roast with corn raised at Arlington Experiment Station and cooked by us in lieu of catered foods, and we volunteer to plant bulbs in Allen Centennial Garden; but we also know how to have fun! Babcock ice cream treats always follow bulb planting with warm discussions among friends. This is what I have experienced in my short years as a member of Demeter and what distinguishes Demeter from many other voluntary organizations. Let's work to help others appreciate this opportunity as a Demeter member and to look toward ways to include and embrace new members in today's busy world.

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LET'S CELEBRATE!

Demeter's Corn Roast returns Sept. 8 at Lakeview Park, 6300 Mendota Avenue in Middleton. The fun begins with a social at 5:00 PM in the newly renovated shelter.

Early on that day Larry Binning and his crew, Abe Aberle, Scott Craven and Jeff Martin, will be picking one of four plantings of corn at the UW-Arlington Agricultural Research Station to provide us with fresh sweet corn to go with pork and beef sandwiches, Scott and Candee Craven's fresh tomatoes, coleslaw, ice cream and cherries jubilee. In addition, despite some semi-dwarf trees that aren't producing this year, we will have fresh apples donated by Demeter's own Betty Forest of Eplegaarden in Fitchburg. Thank you to all!

CALS Dean Kate VandenBosch will discuss lessons learned from the pandemic about equity, diversity and inclusion efforts; and give updates on the Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery Building and the Babcock Hall expansion and renovation.

Julia Nunes, the first woman to serve a two-year term as Alice in Dairyland, will talk about the Alice program, as it enters its 75th year, and how COVID-19 has impacted it and Wisconsin's agriculture industry.

A highlight of the annual corn roast is the introduction of several of our Demeter scholarship recipients who will tell us about their studies and future plans.

We look forward to seeing you Sept. 8 for the grand return of the Demeter Corn Roast, so send in the reservation form inserted in this newsletter right away. It will be wonderful to see all of our old friends and meet some new ones too!

Lynn Grooms, co-chair corn roast

Demeter welcomes everyone, women and men, who share an interest in agriculture and in supporting students in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Contact Sally Leong at sallyleong6@gmail.com or 608-583-3045.

(President's Message - cont'd)

Are there new activities we can sponsor to support faculty and staff and people outside of UW, both with and without families? Instead of full membership events, perhaps there are ways to welcome people in smaller groups, perhaps at the Department level.

- Mentoring by senior retired faculty,
- Getting to Know Madison,
- Canoe/Kayak trip on the Wisconsin River or Lake Wingra,
- Tour of some fields of Wisconsin agriculture,
- Small group lunches at places like Ishnala,
- Wine tasting,
- Visit a park and have a potluck picnic (e.g., Concert on the Square),
- Participate in small group potluck dinners
- Shopping and expo trips for fiber artists and seamstresses,
- Attend a concert at Allen Centennial Garden,
- Pick apples and have some cider and cheese at Eplegaard,
- Attend J Henry bourbon tasting event,
- Attend Halloween at Schumacher Farm Park,
- Tour the historic Dr. Alen house in Middleton,
- Visit Heritage Fest at Schumacher Farm Park in September,
- Visit Roots Chocolates farm,
- Visit 4 Elements Gardens,
- Go on Soil Sisters Fall Tour in August,
- Crochet head coverings for cancer patients
- Attend or participate in a sports event

If you would be interested in helping with any of these ideas, would like to discuss them or if you have other suggestions, please contact me at sallyleong6@gmail.com.

Sally Leong, president of Demeter

21-22 Demeter Election results

President	Sally Leong
Recording Sec'y	Linda Harvey
Corresponding Sec'y	Lynn Grooms
Treasurer	Douglas Maxwell

NEW DIRECTOR ALLEN CENTENNIAL GARDEN



Reba Luiken

Reba Luiken, the new director of Allen Centennial Garden is a historian, a botanist, and an architect of encounters with plants. She hails from Minnesota and has experience from Longwood Gardens, the Minnesota Historical Society, as well as the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. We look forward to working with her and are anxious to see what ideas she has for the Garden.

Plans are being made as Demeter celebrates 20 years of planting bulbs at Allen Centennial Garden. Reba states, "We'd love to have you join us for bulb planting in October. We are thinking we might have you plant in the Italian garden and along the promenade by the house." We have not yet set the date but we will certainly let you know via email as soon as we have one. This is a Demeter tradition; we plant then we feed our souls at Babcock!

Jan Martin, chair bulb planting

NEW LOCATION FOR SEWING WORKSHOP

The Demeter sewing group has not met since March 2020 due to the pandemic, however individuals have been very busy cutting, assembling, distributing and sewing the headwear for the Carbone Cancer Clinic at UW Hospital. This amazing group has worked so hard that we have a large surplus of items ready to be delivered!

Last May the group met in a park in Middleton to discuss moving forward, and everyone thought that meeting together might be possible on our regular start date in September. The group then went to work to identify a venue where we could meet, and thanks to a concerted effort, we will be meeting at 10 am in Blue Bar Quilt's Classroom at 6333 University Ave Ste. 105, Middleton, on our usual third Tuesday of the month, September 21.

If you would like to join the group, call Lynda Thomas ([836-4677](tel:836-4677)) or Mary Whitmer ([231-2858](tel:231-2858)).

Mary Whitmer, co-chair sewing workshop

Summer in Allen Centennial Garden

Flowers are not the only attractions in the Allen Garden. From 5:00PM to 6:15PM on Sundays there are free concerts open to all, e.g., August 15 the Caravan Gypsy Swing Ensemble playing vintage jazz and on August 29 Sally de Broux with a band singing from the Great American Songbook.

SCHOLARSHIPS!

Students didn't have to wait 50 years for an exciting win, but they are definitely excited to be returning to in-person classes and participating in student activities after a year and half of virtual learning. It is also exciting to share that Demeter will be providing \$38,000 of financial support to CALS students as they return for the 2021-2022 academic year. This year Demeter has reallocated study abroad funding (unused in 2020-2021) to offer two new need-based scholarships. Additionally, increased funding will be directed to the Allen Garden and West Madison internships. While it is important for members to be updated on support being provided, it is equally important to share words of gratitude received by students.

Here are words from three young ladies in AWA who mailed cards over the summer with words of thanks to Demeter.

Sara Johnson: "I appreciate this scholarship so much as it will be very valuable as I will have the added responsibility of holding an officer position in AWA."

Taylor Schaefer (Animal Sciences, Life Sciences Communications, and Certificate in Digital Studies): "Your thoughtful gift will help alleviate some financial strain brought on by this past year while I finish my senior year at UW Madison."

Sabrina Servais (Dairy Science, Life Sciences Communication, and certificate in CALS Business Management): "I am truly grateful to know people like you support me in pursuing a future in Agriculture. Being able to receive a scholarship from Demeter through AWA means a lot and I have heard great things about this organization".

All award recipients will be invited to the annual corn roast. Several of these accomplished students will be in attendance to visit about their career goals and to express their appreciation for the support they have received from Demeter.

Liv Sandberg, Education Fund Committee Chair

STUDENT SUPPORT FUND SHOWS GENEROSITY OF DEMETER MEMBERS

In 1979 the endowment book value (the amount donated) of the Demeter Education Fund at the UW Foundation was **\$3000**. It then had a market value of **\$3078** and the amount available for student support from interest earnings was \$48.46.

As of June 1, 2021 the endowment book value (amount donated plus unspent interest) was **\$37,422.87**. The fund had a market value of **\$74,719.52** with estimated annual earnings (amount available for student support) of about \$3000. This fund provides student support in addition to that from named scholarships.

President Sally Leong was chatting with a young lady sitting next to her at a J Henry fundraising dinner. Sally was surprised to learn that it was Kristin Olson, the 2013/14 Alice, an AWA Demeter scholar who remembered speaking at the Corn Roast. She is currently the Director of Communications at Cooperative Network.

DONATIONS - STUDENT SUPPORT

Carrie & Abe Aberle, Sally Andrews, Julie Arriaga, Darrell Barth, Judy Barth, Ben Benevenga, Sandy Bertics, Larry & Dorothy Binning, Hanna Boekhoff-Walsh, Gennie & Lloyd Bostian, Jackie Bowe, Karen Bradley, Joyce Bringe, Sandra Bubbenzer, Lois Buelow, Catherine Buege, Sue Cowan, Candee Craven, Vera Cunningham, Betty-Jo Dahlman, Ruby Dobson, Ann Ellingboe, Mary Evert, Nan Field, Betty Forest, David Forsyth, Emy Gartzke, Lynn Grooms, Linda Harvey, Laura Hernandez, Daphne Holterman, Molly Jahn, Darlyne Jorgensen, Andrea Kelling, Keith Kelling, Ruby Larsen, Sally Leong, Amy Lorimer, Richard Lower, Ester Lowery, Jan Martin, Jeff Martin, Doug & Martha Maxwell, Sherry O'Connor, Mary Kay Reinemann, Gail Schaefer, Beverly Schrag, Elmira Schulz, Jobelle Shands, Mimi Shapiro, George Shook, Judy Stang, Judy and Walter Stevenson, Leone Suttie, David Thomas, Lynda Thomas, Mary Tibbitts, Leo Walsh, Mary Whitmer, Gayle Worf, Ann Zenner

In Memory Of

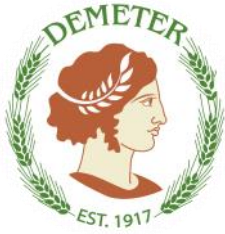
Cynthia Benevenga by Ben Benevenga
Dennis Buege by Catherine Buege
Janet Bruhn by Mary Kay Reinemann
Don Field by Nan Field
LaVerne Forest by Betty Forest
Dwight & June Forsyth by David Forsyth
Ruth Hodgson by Lois Buelow
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Shirley Lower by Richard Lower
Kenneth Munkres by Ann Zenner
Art Pope by David Thomas
Dwayne Rohweder by Lynn Grooms
Bill Saupe by Amy Lorimer
Elisabeth Sequeira by Ann Ellingboe
H.L. Shands by Jobelle Shands
Elden Stang by Judy Stang
Carol Walsh by Leo Walsh
David Wieckert by Sue Cowan
Mary Worf by Gayle Worf and Betty Forest

In Honor Of

Nancy Spencer by Carrie & Abe Aberle
Gail Schaefer by Judy Barth
Jan Martin by Mary Evert
Inga & Fritz Albert by Emy Gartzke
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To Sewing Workshop

Dorothy Binning
Karen Bradley
In Memory of Norma Brooks
Linda Harvey, Sally Leong



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SYMPATHIES

Family of Norma Brooks

THINKING OF YOU

Judy Stang
Dorothy Binning
Larry Binning
Jeff Martin
Nan Field



Sewing Workshop co-chairs Mary Whitmer (L) and Lynda Thomas at ice cream social, making plans for post-Covid year of sewing cancer patient headcovers.

CALENDAR

CORN ROAST PICNIC

September 8, 2021
Social at 5:00 PM, Picnic at 5:30 PM
Lakeview Park, 6300 Mendota Ave.
Reservation form enclosed.
Return by September 1

SEWING WORKSHOP

21 September 2021
Blue Bar Quilts
6333 University Ave., Middleton
10 AM to 4 PM
Bring brown bag lunch
See article on p.2

FALL ZOOM MEETING

Betsy Haimson, Laughter Leader
date TBD

SPRING LUNCHEON & ANNUAL MTG

May 2022, TBD

NEW MEMBERS

Gerald Campbell
Gayle Worf

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Linda Harvey, host of ice cream social for sewers workshop, tries on new type of scarf.

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